

Montgomery 300th Anniversary Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 1, 2013

Location: Montgomery Township Building, Board Conference Room

Present: Joe Walsh, Dennis Cooney, Stacy Crandell, Andrea Duffy, Larry Gregan, Jayne Hodges, Jim Kelly, Janet McCrossen, Richard Roller, Gordon Simes, and Ginny Bailey

Chairman, Joe Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the March 4, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Finance Report

Because the meeting was so early in the month, Kate did not have the numbers to provide a report. She will provide one at the next meeting.

Stacy provided an up-to-date report of the Committee's general sponsors and the sponsors for the golf outing.

The Committee decided to defer the discussion about what sponsors are getting for their money to the next meeting since Tanya was not able to attend.

The Committee approved the payment of \$520.00 to Clay Rat Studios for the 300th Anniversary tiles. It was suggested to give a tile to the Joseph Ambler Inn to display.

Chairman Joe Walsh welcomed Jayne Hodges to the meeting. Jayne heard about the Committee through our Facebook page, has an interest in Township history and would like to volunteer.

Old Business:

Golf Outing

Dennis reported that there was a lot of work being done behind the scene and Pine Crest has really been cooperative in planning the event. As of the meeting, not many golfers have signed up but Dennis has been assured that we will get the number of golfers expected. Several outside caterers have been approached about donating the lunch for the event and Lansdale Chrysler/Plymouth will donate the vehicle for the hole in one contest.

The Committee discussed setting up a PayPal account for golf outing registrations but it was determined the account couldn't be set up in time. The Committee will look into setting up the account for future events such as the Historic House tour.

Dennis said the Village Tavern has developed the 300th Anniversary beer and will be giving out samples and introducing the contest at the golf outing. There will also be a tie-in event at the Village Tavern following the golf outing dinner.

Dennis will follow up to see if anything was ever done about having sports memorabilia sold at the golf outing.

While sponsors of the golf outing are getting tickets as part of their package, some general sponsorship packages indicated the sponsor would have tickets to all events and the question was raised about what to do if a general sponsor wanted tickets to the golf outing. The Committee decided that for the sake of good will, sponsors will be permitted to golf.

Promotional Items

Stacy showed Upper Merion's 300th Anniversary website and the commemorative items they were offering. There was particular interest in their "Upper Merionopoly" that included real businesses, schools, and organizations in Upper Merion. Stacy also suggested a cookbook made up of the favorite recipes of residents and employees. Stacy mentioned that the Montgomery Township Baseball/Softball Association would like to display the 300th Anniversary logo on their uniforms in 2014.

Historic House Tour

The Historic House Tour committee did not meet since Sue was out of town. They will be meeting in May with the homeowners who have agreed to open their homes for the tour.

Montgomery County History Fair

The Montgomery County History Fair will take place at the Knapp House on Saturday, September 13, 2014. The W.S. Hancock Society does the legwork and the Montgomery Township Historical Society will provide the site. The W.S. Hancock Society has already put out a press release but Richard thought it would be best to wait until the end of this year before we start to advertise it.

5K Run

Since we cannot use the Parkway, Stacy is looking for suggestions of where to hold the run. It was also decided that September is not a good month and we should hold it in May as a tie in to the Reenactment at Windlestrae. Maureen is working on some ideas and the Committee deferred further discussion until Maureen is here.

Fireworks

Stacy has met with several fireworks companies and they suggested we put our money towards a 17-20 minute show because fireworks choreographed to music costs \$1,000 per minute. Our next steps are to determine how much we want to spend, how long the show should be, how many shows we'd like to have, and what type of show do we want to have. We should contract with company that is chosen by January. Stacy also mentioned that the fireworks are set off via computer so maybe we could have a raffle to see who "flips the switch" or maybe let the oldest resident do it.

Limekiln Pike Bridge Event

Since Roy was unable to be at the meeting, we will wait until next month to discuss this further.

Acadia

Richard has been in contact with someone who can help write the history and the Historical Society is going to help.

300th Website Updates

Please let Stacy know if you have any changes for the website by April 15th.

New Business:

Project SNAP

Stacy and Ginny met via conference call with Michael and Debbie Rubyan from Project SNAP and while everyone thought having a mural as the centerpiece in the lobby of the community center was a great idea, the cost was a little excessive for the size of the mural and materials used. It was suggested that there might be a local artist who would be willing to do something or perhaps Township residents could make tiles at The Mud Shack that could be displayed in the lobby of the community center.

Day of Service

Andrea is on the Day of Service committee and the original thought was to have the day of service in January for Martin Luther King Day. Andrea thought perhaps it would work better as tie-in to the Township's Arbor Day activities in the spring since the weather would be warmer and we might get more volunteers.

Community Day

Since the Community Day would take the place of the Township's annual Autumn Festival, Stacy reminded the Committee that we should start working on it now because it does take a year or more in advance to plan. Stacy was asked to have a calendar of deadlines or timelines available at the next meeting as a reminder to the various subcommittees that they can't wait until the last minute to plan our events. Stacy said she would either have it ready for the next meeting or would email it to the Committee ahead of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting – Monday, May 6th at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey